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**MUSKEGON AREA ISD DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT NAMED
MSBO SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR**

(Lansing)-----Marios Demetriou, Muskegon Area ISD Deputy Superintendent was recently awarded the Michigan School Business Official's (MSBO) School Business Official of the Year at MSBO's 75th Annual Conference. This award honors an individual for their accomplishments and contribution to their profession, MSBO and their school district.

He was recognized for providing services to Muskegon Area ISD's local districts, as well as his leadership serving as Chief Financial Officer of Muskegon Heights Public School District as the district struggled financially after their superintendent resigned, and assisted the district and the governor-appointed financial review team through its investigations and their recommendation to appoint an emergency financial manager.

"Marios took on the tasks of evaluating and recommending solutions for Muskegon Heights Public School District and worked with creditors and vendors in order to keep the school doors open, said MSBO Executive Director David Martell. "His work with the State Department of Treasury and Michigan Department of Education resulted in the district's smooth transition to an emergency financial manager once that decision was made by the Governor."

According to Martell, Demetriou was instrumental in keeping parents, students, staff and the Muskegon Heights school board informed about the financial review process and the actions that were being taken concerning the district's dire financial situation.

"Many schools districts in Michigan are facing challenging financial times," said Martell. "Marios exemplifies the crucial role of the business official in providing leadership in our schools. We are pleased to award him the MSBO School Business Official of the Year."

Demetriou will also receive a \$1,500 professional development scholarship to attend the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International annual meeting, which will be held in Boston, Massachusetts in October 2013 and will be nominated for ASBO's Eagle Award, which recognizes individuals with outstanding and visionary leadership in school business management.

The MSBO's 75th Annual Conference & Exhibit Show was held April 23-25, 2013 at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids, MI.

Michigan School Business Officials was founded in 1937 as a nonprofit corporation to serve the multifaceted interests of education and provides a forum for the exchange of ideas, and to provide opportunities for our members to expand their professional horizons in the public education sector.